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## THREE NEGROES DEAD AS RESULT OF LOVE FEUDS

JOHN WILLIAMS IS SLAIN NEAR BIRD CREEK BY PROF. WHITTAKER

LEONA BAKER REJECTS CLEVE MAY AND DIES

JILTED LOVER AFTER VAINLY FIRING AT RIVAL, KILLS GIRL AND SELF

### The Dead.

John Williams, shot and killed by his brother-in-law, Peter Whittaker. Lorena Baker, aged 19, shot by Cleve May, rejected lover.

Cleve May, committed suicide.

All are colored.

Three Logan county negroes are dead as a result of family and love feuds.

The tragedies occurred Saturday night.

From seven o'clock Saturday until well into Sunday morning Ed Robertson, deputy sheriff and Grant Hadmon, undersheriff, were kept on the jump answering calls.

The first call came from north of the city, where between 6:30 and 7 o'clock Peter Whittaker, negro school teacher, was forced to slay his brother-in-law John Williams. Bitter feeling had existed between the two men for some time and culminated when Williams, standing alongside the highway north of Bird creek, struck Whittaker on the head with a club as he passed in a buggy returning from town to his farm home.

When Williams struck Whittaker the latter was dazed for a moment, he fell from his buggy, but quickly regained his feet, and securing a revolver from his buggy he shot Williams three times in the breast. Williams died before medical aid arrived.

Whittaker telephoned to deputy sheriff Ed Robertson to "come and get" him.

"I killed John Williams in self-defense and want to surrender to you," he said.

Williams married Whittaker's sister. Several months ago the Williams family engaged in a row and the wife left and took up her residence with her brother. Some time later an attempt was made to burn the Whittaker house.

A few months ago Mrs. Williams sued for divorce. It is said that Williams then made the remark that his brother-in-law was at the bottom of his troubles and he would "get him." Whittaker is in jail and the funeral of his victim took place Monday. A formal charge of murder has been placed against Whittaker.

### Double Killing Near Coyle.

When Lorena Baker, 19 years old and good looking daughter of a negro farmer, living near Coyle refused to accompany Cleve May, 25, a rejected suitor, home from a social held at Oak Grove school house, and instead chose another. May followed the couple and opened fire with a 45 Colts. revolver. The girl's escort, Joe Burford, made a flying jump for the timber after the first shot and has not been found yet. The girl was not so fortunate. Two of the bullets lodged in her body from the effects of which she died twenty minutes later in the arms of her sister. After first telling how the tragedy took place and who did the shooting.

After an all night search the body of young May was found at day-break, lying near a rock in a clump of bushes, not fifty feet from where the shooting took place. The top of his head had been blown off and the manner of his end was evidenced by the fact that the gun used in killing the girl was grasped in the hand of the dead negro and the barrel was in his mouth.

County Attorney Arthur Swank and Deputy Sheriff Ed Robertson were to the scene of the tragedy.

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## WIFE SAYS HUSBAND KNOCKED HER DOWN

OTHER CASES FILED IN DISTRICT COURT: AND CASES ON BEFORE HUSTON.

Charging that her life since she was married to James Lee in 1898 has been a veritable hell, Mary Lee today entered suit for divorce and division of property. She also asks for temporary alimony pending the final determination of the suit. She recites numerous instances where she was treated brutally. One time her husband, while in a blind fury, knocked her down and attempted to kill her with a butcher knife. Only prompt interference prevented a tragedy.

### Hearing City Case.

Judge Huston is listening to arguments in the charter amendment case today. The matter was first put before the supreme court. That court held district court was the proper court to start action and refused to take jurisdiction and sent it back to the lower court. The case reached the courts after the mayor and city clerk refused to call an election for submission of amendments to the city charter, to the voters. The petitions praying for the change were turned down on the grounds that they were insufficient.

The Oklahoma Farmers Telephone company vs. the Mulhall State bank is the style of a case filed in district court today, asking for damages and attorney's fees.

Suing for the recovery of \$350 on a promissory note, Nevada A. Reed today began action in district court against Robert A. Gaffney.

Logan County bank sues Otis Dives and M. Collar for recovery of money on note and contract.

Chas. E. Brown brings an action for the foreclosure of a lien of \$700 on the Royal hotel property. The suit is directed against Mrs. Mary E. Fritts.

## Effort Made To Exterminate a Family

(By Associated Press.)  
Terra Haute, Ind., March 15.—With two dead, four others badly beaten, the police believe an effort was made to wipe out the entire family of William Baldrige here last night. The two young sons of Baldrige were found dead in bed by a neighbor and a further search revealed that Baldrige's wife and three younger children were in a serious condition, in another room of the house, the result of being beaten with flatirons.

## GAS FIXTURE THIEVES CAUGHT BY POLICE

Willie Smith and Eddie Lackey, two black boys were arrested by the police Saturday. The boys have been doing a thriving business lately stealing gas fixtures and brass of all kinds. They had some of the stolen goods on them when arrested.

More than \$500 worth of brass, gas fixtures, electric wire and electric fixtures, has been stolen from Guthrie business houses and homes during the past few months, said an officer today.

## ANCIENT EGGS WERE THESE BUT GOOD WITHAL

New York, March 15.—Cake made of English eggs ten years old was served to jurors in the federal district court yesterday during the hearing of a suit brought by Robert W. Herbst, an importer, to recover \$12,000 because a consignment of preserved Chinese eggs in which he was interested was destroyed as unfit for consumption. The eggs had been preserved in a solution of boracic acid. Dr. Ernest L. Smith, a professor of biological chemistry, testified it was possible to keep eggs a hundred years by this method without impairing their quality.

### OIL CUT ANOTHER FIVE CENTS

(By Associated Press.)  
Pittsburg, March 15.—Five cents a barrel was cut from the price of the principal grades of crude oil when the market opened today.

## RULERS OF GREECE AND FORMER PREMIER FIGHTING OVER WAR.



M. VENIZELOS.

The Greeks are now engaged in a bitter political contest to decide if they will enter the war against Turkey or remain neutral, and the fight has come down to a trial of strength between King Constantine and the Queen on one side and former Premier Venizelos on the other.

The king was raised in the German army and he has for years been a partisan of Germany. The queen is a sister of Kaiser Wilhelm, and of course, her sympathies are with Germany. It is said that this position has made them unpopular. Venizelos, on the other hand, is the strongest man in the country, and is believed to be the most popular leader there. He believes, like most Greeks, that when Turkey is finally driven from Europe by the allies Russia will fall heir to all her possessions, unless they get in on the war before the division of spoils.

A day after Venizelos resigned as premier the king prorogued the parliament for a month, fearing such a feeling would be aroused against the new ministry that was being formed.



QUEEN SOPHIE OF GREECE.

'KING CONSTANTINE OF GREECE.

In the interest of peace it would not last long.

## CARRANZA ABANDONS BLOCKADE

MEXICAN GUNBOAT ZARGOZA, CALLED OFF; COMMERCE RESUMES

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, March 15.—General Carranza has abandoned his blockade of the Port of Progreso, on urgent representations made by the United States.

The Mexican gunboat Zargosa has been called off and two American ships, laden with sisal for the United States were cleared Saturday without interference. Rear Admiral Caperton, commanding the American fleet in the Mexican waters, reported the rising of the blockade today.

The Admiral's dispatches crossed the new note sent by President Wilson, which went on its way to Carranza this morning, giving him notice that the United States was determined to raise the blockade, and if necessary to use the cruiser, Des Moines to do so. It became known today that last week the Mexican gunboat had stopped one American ship with a shot across her bow; had held up another and interfered with all British shipping.

## WINS WARDENSHIP BY LONG SERVICE

Washington, March 15.—Frederick Zerbst, deputy warden at the Leavenworth federal penitentiary was chosen warden of the federal penitentiary at Atlanta. Zerbst began as a guard twenty years ago. When Morgan was appointed warden, Zerbst was named as his assistant. The appointment is in line with the department of justice "purpose to promote officers within the ranks."

## BEACHY DROPS TO HIS DEATH

FAMOUS AVIATOR DROWNED IN BAY AFTER FALL OF 3,000 FEET

(By Associated Press.)

San Francisco, Cal., March 15.—Another American lost his life Sunday in an effort to outshine an competitor and the brilliant career of the world's greatest aviator came to an end when Lincoln Beachy fell 3,000 feet to death in San Francisco Bay. The fall was witnessed by ten thousand people who had gathered at the Panama-Pacific exposition to watch the flight.

Beachy was completing his second flight of the day when the accident occurred. Having previously electrified the crowd with a series of aerial somersaults, the aviator sought to add an additional thrill by making one of the sensational perpendicular drops which usually featured his flights.

The machine was at an altitude of about 3,000 feet when Beachy shut off his power. For several thousand feet it dropped head-on for the earth and then the aviator grasped his control.

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## WOMEN MAY VOTE FOR SCHOOL OFFICERS

The attorney general has rendered an opinion to the effect that all women who were registered last fall may vote for members of the school board and for treasurer of the school district in the coming elections 2021 primary and general. The primary election will take place March 29th and the regular election April 6th. The registration books of the city show that a large per cent of the women of the city are registered and are therefore eligible to a vote.

## SHAFFER ASKS FOR LIBERTY IN GIN FIRE CASE

AVERS CONFESSION FALSE; CRIMINAL COURT DENIES HIS PETITION

Oklahoma City, Okla., March 15.—William Shaffer, negro, co-defendant of Edward J. Coyle in the Crescent gin burning case, was denied freedom by writ of habeas corpus Saturday by the criminal court of appeals. The court held that the showing made was insufficient to warrant issuance of the writ. Shaffer's attorneys gave notice that an amended application will be filed.

Shaffer's petition reads: "Standing in the light of one of the burning gins on the night of March 16, 1914, in the hands of an infuriated mob, and with his clothing already soaked with kerosene Shaffer confessed to setting fire to the two gins and swore to his captors that Edward J. Coyle paid him for the job."

But in an affidavit presented to the criminal court in support of the plea for liberty, the negro avers that this confession is a lie, nothing more, which he told simply to save himself from the flames of the fire he is accused of starting. He declares he knew nothing of the burning of the gins until after the mob caught him. All his statements concerning Coyle were false, the affidavit asserts.

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## OIL COMPANY MEETING TONIGHT AT CHAMBER

Assuring the stockholders and others that no money will be asked, officers of the Cimarron Valley Oil Company have issued a signed call for a meeting at the chamber of commerce for tonight.

Matters of much moment to the people of the city will be discussed at the meeting tonight. The call is unique in that no donation or assessment of money will be asked in fact it will be money coming in, instead of money going out, in this instance. All stockholders are urged to be present in person or by proxy. Tonight, March 15, 7:30.

## DOPE USERS IN GUTHRIE ARE QUITTING

BUT OFFICERS HEAR OF "SNOW JOINT" ON COTTONWOOD; WHERE THEY "SMOKE UP."

Local druggists say the law regulating the sale of habit-forming drugs after being in effect now for a half month has demonstrated that the move is a good one.

Contrary to the general prediction made prior to the law going into effect that "dopesters" would run "amuck," the contrary has prevailed. There are a number of users of the habit-forming drugs in Guthrie and this vicinity, but so far they have given no one trouble on account of the restrictions placed on their "favorite joy drug."

In several towns in the state drug fiends, crazed by their terrible desire for the dope, have committed acts of violence. A carpenter living near Tulsa last week blew the top of his head away after striving in vain to procure some morphine. In some of the smaller towns druggists are locking their supply of the prohibited drugs in safes and iron vaults at night for fear that the presence of the dope on the shelves of their store would influence one or more of the "sleigh riders" to burglarize their places of business.

Officers are on the track of a "ped-

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## BITTEN BY MAD DOG CHILD DIES IN AGONY

Afton, Okla., March 15.—After an illness of only a few hours, William Archer Rector, 5-year-old son of J. H. Rector, living five miles southwest of Afton, died a horrible death at 5 o'clock this morning. Hydrophobia is given as the cause of death.

Forty days ago the boy was bitten by a mad dog. The parents did not summon medical assistance for the reason that they felt the wound was too slight. No ill effects were noticeable until the boy was taken sick yesterday. When physicians were first summoned, they diagnosed the case as pneumonia, the parents having forgotten the incident of the mad dog bite. Later, when physicians were told of this and more alarming symptoms developed, and the boy lapsed into unconsciousness, it became evident that it was a case of hydrophobia. One of the attending physicians said "he died the most horrible death I ever witnessed."

## JUDGE HUSTON RETURNS FROM PAYNE COUNTY

Judge A. H. Huston and his court and reported Emanuel Weinberger returned from Stillwater Saturday, where Judge Huston has been holding court for the past three weeks. Practically all cases on the docket in that part of the 12th district this term have been murder or robbery cases. Judge Huston will return to Stillwater Tuesday to finish the term.

## SOFT JOB DISHED UP FOR REP. PALMER

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, March 15.—A. Mitchell Palmer, of Pennsylvania, was selected today by the President for Chief Justice of the United States court of claims, to succeed Judge Charles B. Howe, whose resignation is effective April first.

Palmer was one of the prominent Wilson leaders in the Baltimore convention.

## BARRETT TO SUCCEED CANTON, IS RUMOR

Oklahoma City, March 15.—It is said here that Gov. Williams has promised to appoint Senator Chas. Barrett, of Shawnee, adjutant general upon the adjournment of the legislature to succeed Frank Canton.

Barrett, in the present session of the senate, has been foremost in pushing through the administration program.

## BATTLES RAGE IN BELGIUM

GERMAN ATTACKS ARE REPULSED BY FRENCH ON BORDER

RUSSIANS SUFFER A DEFEAT IN EAST

BRITISH SHELLS BLAZE DUNKIRK; AUSTRIA SPURNS ITALY'S PROPOSAL

(By Associated Press.)

London, March 15.—The official war reports show fighting of increasing violence is in progress in the western theatre of war. The Germans yesterday made attacks in force against the British near the Franco-Belgian border and against the French in Champagne and the Argonne district. According to the French version all assaults were repulsed, although it was admitted that the Germans temporarily gained ground from the British. The German report said that the Germans had made good progress south of Ypres. The Berlin statement indicates that the Russians are making strong efforts to repulse the new German advance on Przasnysz. The Russian attacks in this vicinity are said to have been defeated.

British Shell Sand Dunes.  
Paris, March 15.—Violent cannonading is going on at a point north-east of Dunkirk, according to dispatches from that seaport today. The belief in Dunkirk is that the British squadron is bombarding sand dunes around Neuport.

Emperor of Austria Spurns Italy.  
Rome, March 15.—An authoritative denial was made today of the report that Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria had refused to consider making the territorial concession to Italy. At the same time it was said that the concessions Austria was willing to make, were so small by comparison with Italy's desires that the understanding seems hopeless.

Britain Issues Final Decree.  
London, March 15.—The British order made in council, decreeing a retaliatory measure on the part of the government to meet the declarations of the Germans that the waters surrounding the United Kingdom are military area, was made public today.

The plan contains drastic provisions, not only for the holding up of ships to, and from German ports, but for the confiscation of the goods of German origin or for the destination for which they are shipped from the neutral ports. Under this decree the civilian population of Germany as well as the army will be cut off from any form of the outer seat traffic, so far as it lies within the power of the Allies to bring this about.

## THE WEATHER



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What Government Forecaster Reports Via Ophelia

(By Associated Press.)

New Orleans, La., March 15.—Tonight, fair, colder in south portion; Tuesday, fair.